

December 9, 2021

St. Alphonsus St. Patrick School

Principal's Corner

Dear Families,

I hope you have all had a wonderful week. This week we celebrated the Immaculate Conception with a beautiful mass in the gym. It's such a special time of year. This weekend is the Third Sunday of Advent. Please remember Sunday mass.

Also this Sunday we have the FSA Donuts with Santa at St. Patrick Church from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., which promises to be another wonderful celebration of Christmas on the way! Please join us.

NJHS began Peer Tutoring this week, Thank you to Mrs. Cunningham and the wonderful seventh and eighth graders for providing this great service.

We reminded the children today to make sure masks are pulled up over noses and they are keeping 3 feet of distance. We do remind them often and emphasized it again today. With cases rising, frequent reminders from school and home will help us to be extra vigilant and safe so that all of our families can celebrate with loved ones this Christmas.

Have a wonderful week and thank you for sending your children to St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School. Our families, priests, faculty and staff make our school the beautiful place it is.



REMINDERS:

Friday, December 10:

**No Mass Today

Tuesday, December 14:

**Special Lunch

Wednesday, December 15:

**Lunch Hour Bake Sale



A Gingerbread Man went to the doctor, complaining of a sore knee.

"A sore knee?" the doctor said. "Have you tried icing it?"

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT OFFICE

The office coordinates the annual national appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious and distributes financial assistance to eligible religious institutes in the United States to care for their elderly and frail members now and in the future.



Women and men religious older than 70 now outnumber those under 70 by more than three to one. Data shows that 26,330 women and men religious in the US are older than age 70. The total cost for their care exceeds \$1 billion annually. Members of religious communities worked for decades with little to no pay. Please support this annual appeal this weekend at church.

-The Chicago Catholic

Join Us For St. Al/St. Pat's

DONUTS
With Santa

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

ST. PATRICK CHURCH BASEMENT

200 E. ILLINOIS STREET

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM



PHOTOS WITH SANTA AVAILABLE!

\$5/person or \$15/family

PAY AT THE DOOR OR ONLINE

[Link to pay](#)

DONUTS & REFRESHMENTS

EVENT SPONSORED BY SASP FAMILY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



Snowflake Raffle 2021

1st place \$5000

2nd place \$1000

3rd place \$500

4th place \$250

Family with most Tickets sold \$250

Did you purchase your raffle ticket yet? Time is running out!

Ticket sales end on December 22

The drawing is Thursday, December 23

Purchase tickets at www.stals-stpats.org

All K-8 families are required to sell \$300 in tickets, with 75% of their total sales being credited to their fundraising.

This is our only Raffle this school year ... don't miss out on a chance to win \$5,000!

1 ticket—\$10

3 tickets — \$25

10 tickets — \$50

40 tickets — \$100

The Advent Candles

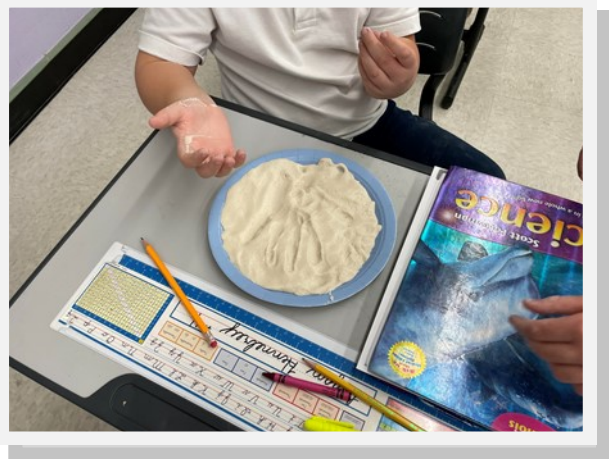
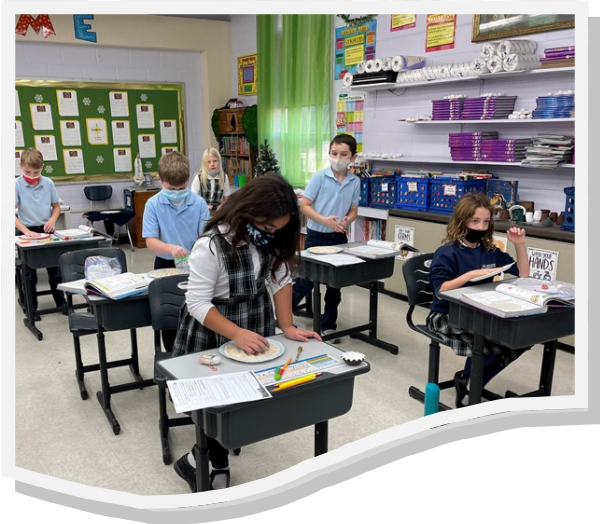
In almost all Advent traditions, the lighting of candles is also a prominent feature of each week's commemorative celebration. Some candles are placed within or near the Advent wreath itself. Other times, they are lit separately on each Sunday beginning four weeks prior to Christmas. Candles and the light they produce are a reflection of the light that came into the world with the arrival of Jesus Christ.



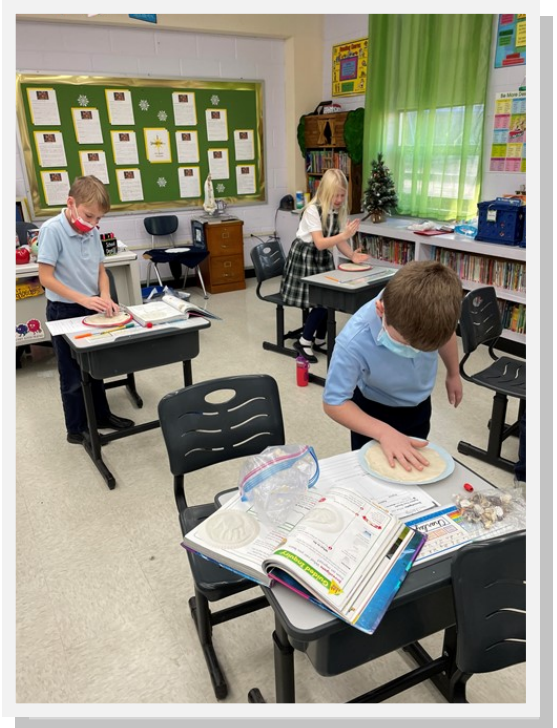
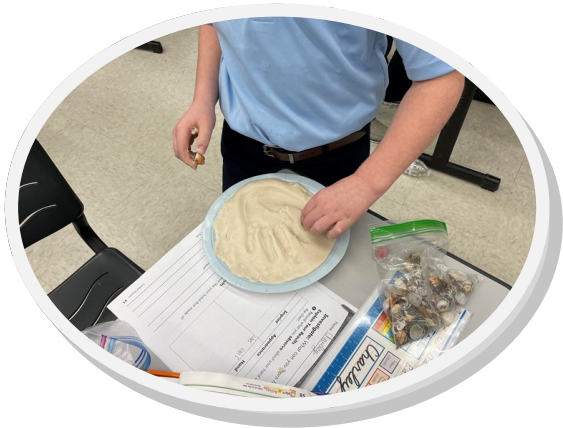
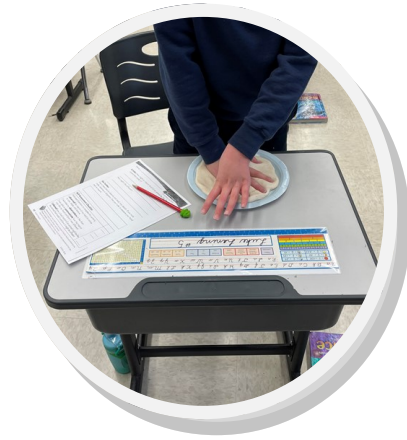
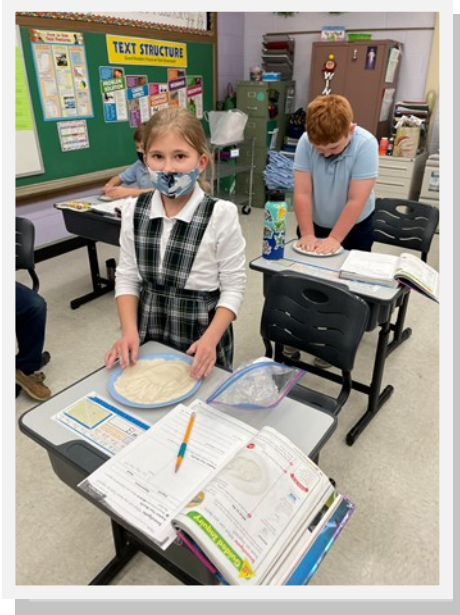
Some traditions light a single candle on each of the 24 days leading up to Christmas. Other traditions place one large candle in the center of the Advent wreath and light it every day of December until Christmas.

The most common tradition, however, typically uses four candles. Each Advent candle is lit on one of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. The color of these candles can vary, but it is common that the first, second, and fourth candle is purple, while the third candle is rose-colored, red, or a pinkish hue. Catholic tradition even states that the four candles, representing the four weeks of Advent, each stand for 1,000 years to total the 4,000 years from the time of Adam to the birth of the Messiah.

In most traditions, the lighting of the four candles (or multiple candles) is meant to be done as a family and will often be used to reflect on the hope, faith, joy, peace, light, and purity that came into the world with the gift of the Messiah



3rd grade
was
busy this
week
making
fossils



SHOP Corner

Time is running short to get your gift cards before Christmas Break ... December 14 is the last order date.



Just one more order until Christmas break! Please take advantage of this convenient way to Christmas shop from home! Gift cards not only make great gifts and stocking stuffers but are a great way to purchase Christmas gifts while working towards reaching your fundraising goal!

Orders need to be placed online by 8:00 a.m. Tuesdays at: www.shopwithscrip.com

Your order will be sent home in that week's Thursday Envelope. Contact our SHOP Team for the Enrollment Code you will need to set up an account. **Happy SHOPping!**

There will be NO Shop order the week of 12/20 due to the Christmas holiday.

bookkeeper@stals-stpats.org



The **January HOT LUNCH** order form is on today's eThursday. Please look at the menu to see what meal is being served each day. If your child likes it, you may order it by circling or X-ing that day on the order form. If you know your child will not enjoy that day's hot lunch offering, send him/her with a sack lunch that day. Please keep a record of which days you place orders. **All orders MUST be returned by Monday, December 13—late orders CANNOT be accepted.** Because of the upcoming Christmas holiday we are attempting to obtain the February menu before we leave on break to ensure family's have enough time to place orders by the proper due date.

January – May Special Lunch order forms are on today's eThursday. A separate form is needed for each student; simply circle the item he/she would like.



Be a sport ... be a part of the St. Al/St. Pat's Athletic Association Athletic Board!
The following positions are open:



Secretary for 2021-2022 school year

**Treasurer for 2022-2023
(Deputy in 2021-2022)**

**Volleyball Coordinator for 2022-2023
(Deputy in 2121-2022)**

Deputy Basketball Coordinator for 2021-2022

**Concessions & Volunteer
Coordinator for 2022-2023
(Deputy in 2021-2022)**



For those who choose not to order, please mark the "no special lunch today" line – and be sure to pack a lunch that day (remember: no carbonated beverages, no fast food).



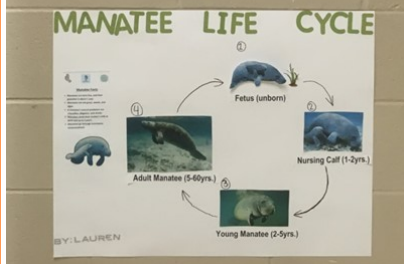
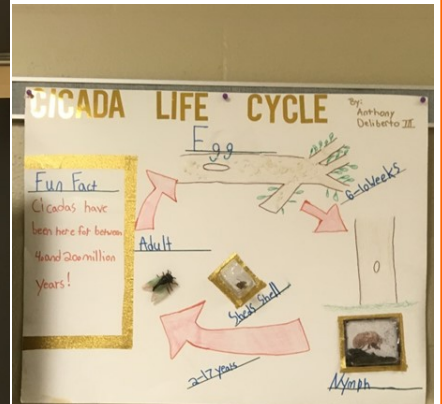
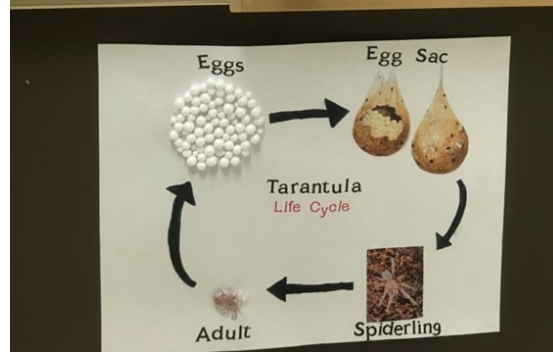
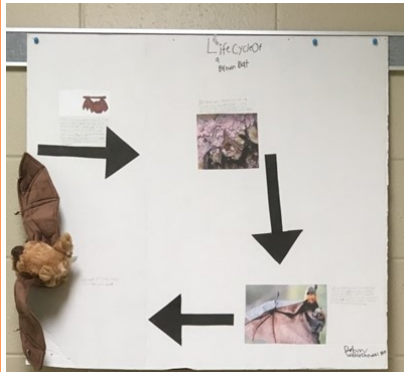
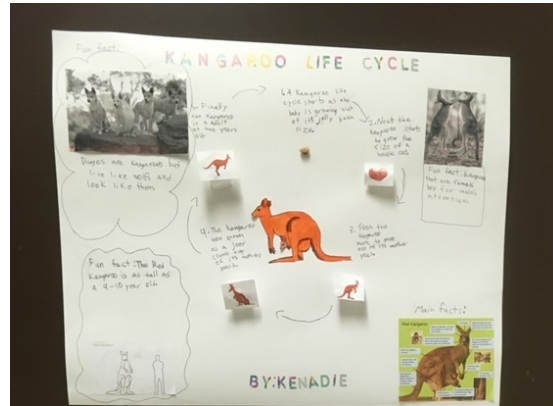
Checks should be payable to St. Al/St. Pat's School and may include all siblings in your family. Please mark the envelope "special lunch days". Orders may also be placed through the online store on our website (check under Quick Links on the homepage).





"LIFE CYCLES"

presented by



Fourth Grade

